

ESTIMATION EXAMPLE

DEPT of TRANSPORTATION

0% Systems Fixed on AUG 15

~~8%~~ Systems Fixed on NOV 15

2% in ONE QUARTER

50 QUARTERS TO 100% DONE

That is the YEAR 2010

if double rate, then: 25 quarters

BUT only 8 quarters left to deadline

TOO OPTIMISTIC because:

some still assessing systems (FAA)

missing systems being replaced

missing second-tier systems

missing embedded chips

ESTIMATED LATE COMPLETION DATES

2000, early	National Air and Space Admin
2000, mid	Federal Emergency Mgmt Agenc
2000, mid	Agency for Internat'l
Development	
2000, mid	Education
2001	Justice
2001	Health and Human Services
2002	General Services Administration
2004	Treasury
2005	Agriculture
2010	Office of Personnel Management
2010	Transportation
2012	Defense
2019	Labor
2019	Energy

Assumes (1) mission-critical systems only
(2) accurate self-reported agency data

(3) current rate of progress continues

TALKING POINTS

DEFINE YEAR 2000 PROBLEM

Date represented as 2 digits

PREVIOUS SUBCOMMITTEE WORK

April 16, 1996 first hearing

SIMPLE GOAL – GET THE JOB DONE

Management not technical problem

ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATES

calculations reveal 10 agencies will finish on time

but 14 agencies will be late

late agencies are large ones with about 60% of the systems

5 agencies will be very late

PUT UP CHART 1

talk about GOOD agencies on the top of the chart

PUT UP CHART 2

talk about BAD agencies that will finish late

examples of what being late might mean

OPM government employees pensions and benefits

DOT potential grid-lock at airports

Defense vendors do not get paid

Labor

Energy

interconnected systems may make problems for others

example: assume SSA gets its systems fixed

however, SSA issues checks via Treasury

example: one of 50 state systems passes dirty data to Fed

example: one of hundreds of countries passes dirty data

PUT UP CHART 3

Easy example of how we estimated completion dates

Transportation

0% complete in August 15 quarterly report

2% complete in November 15 quarterly report

hence, rate is 2% per quarter

therefore, 50 times 2 = 100%, or 50 quarters to finish

that works out to year 2010

Assume Transportation doubles its productivity to 4% per quarter

therefore, 25 quarters to finish ($4 \times 25 = 100\%$)

However, only 8 quarters left

Transportation must complete more than 12% per quarter

that is six times Transportation's current rate

REMAINING BIG PROBLEM

estimate completion dates are actually too optimistic

because

omitted mission-critical systems BEING REPLACED

omitted entire second and third tiers of systems

omitted embedded chips

and

some agencies like FAA are still ASSESSING

FAA has 245 mission-critical systems still being assessed

RECOMMEND 3 PIECES OF THE SOLUTION

STILL NEED MORE PIECES, NOT SUFFICIENT, BUT NECESSAR

1. clean up current agency quarterly reports to OMB

do not add up

agencies leave key fields blank

like EPA “forget” its scheduled completion dates

categories not consistently used by agencies

etc

etc

point is not to make petty work for bureaucrats

Transportation can not tell how FAA is doing

OMB can not tell how Transportation is doing

Congress can not tell how all agencies are doing

2. add more relevant information to agency quarterly reports

add mission-critical systems BEING REPAIRED

add second tier of “BUSINESS-CRITICAL” systems

add embedded chips

add contingency plans

add a DAY ONE PLAN

etc

etc

again, point is not to have reports for reports sake, rather

make total amount of work to be done visible

make plans more complete

make estimates more realistic

3. call again for CZAR for YEAR 2000 problem

somebody at Cabinet level OR ABOVE

not sufficient for whole problem but necessary piece

**WANT TO WORK WITH OMB, CIO COUNCIL, AGENCIES, INDUSTRY,
ANYBODY AND EVERYBODY TO FIX THIS PROBLEM.**

RIPPLE EFFECT

**Like throwing a stone in a pond.
The ripples expand, wave after wave.**

**Computer systems are connected.
Which are in turn connected to more systems
Layer after layer in a network.**

**When any one computer dies it can take out
its neighbors, who take out their neighbors.
Like a ripple. Wave after wave.**

**Like the great New England black-out in the
70's. One failure took out the whole network.**

**Airport systems are connected to pass a
cross-country flight from region to region.
Plus, of course, the airport systems are
connected to the airlines systems.**

NOVEMBER 15, 1997	ASSESSMENT COMPLETED PERCENTAGE	RENOVATION COMPLETED PERCENTAGE	TESTING COMPLETED PERCENTAGE	ANY IMPLEMENTATION PERCENTAGE	ESTIMATED COMPLETION
SSA Social Security Administration	100%	80%	74%	80%	1999
NSF National Science Foundation	100%	50%	42%	0%	1999
SBA Small Business Administration	100%	63%	60%	59%	1999
EPA Environmental Protection Agency	100%	50%	40%	40%	1999
Interior Department of the Interior	96%	41%	37%	29%	1999
VA Department of Veterans Affairs	90%	61%	38%	25%	1999
NRC Nuclear Regulatory Commission	100%	25%	25%	25%	1999
HUD Department of Housing and Urban Development	100%	45%	27%	22%	1999*
State Department of State	100%	25%	25%	0%	1999**
Commerce Department of Commerce	100%	30%	23%	22%	1999*
FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency	100%	29%	29%	21%	2000
NASA National Aeronautics and Space Administration	100%	14%	11%	11%	2000
AID Agency for International Development	95%	8%	8%	8%	2000
Education Department of Education	100%	20%	0%	0%	2000
HHS Department of Health and Human Services	100%	35%	20%	15%	2001
Justice Department of Justice	100%	18%	11%	6%	2001
GSA General Services Administration	100%	25%	18%	17%	2002
Treasury Department of the Treasury	80%	44%	8%	8%	2004
Agriculture Department of Agriculture	100%	12%	6%	7%	2005
OPM Office of Personnel Management	100%	9%	0%	0%	2010
DOT Department of Transportation	80%	9%	5%	2%	2010
DOD Department of Defense	93%	44%	16%	2%	2012
Labor Department of Labor	100%	16%	12%	7%	2019
DOE Department of Energy	100%	13%	11%	4%	2019

NOTES

The estimated completion dates are based on current agency reported progress rates.

The departments and agencies are responsible for the accuracy and consistency of percentages reported.

* Warning: projections may be overly optimistic.